

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2431

Amol Khare, et al.

Examiner: Shin Hon Chen

Serial No.: 10/820,980

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREVENTING NETWORK ATTACKS BY  
AUTHENTICATING INTERNET CONTROL  
MESSAGE PROTOCOL PACKETS

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 13, 2008 the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 13, 2009. Please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

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